Manilla Conference on Global March against Child Labour

2211. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation led by Chairperson South Asian Coalition on Child Sevitude was sent to participate in the conference on Global March against child labour in Manilla, in January this year;

(b) if so, what observations and suggestions for abolition of Child Sevitude in India were made therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Government is not aware of any Conference on Global March against Child Labour held at Manilla in January, 1998.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Growth Rate of Employment Generation

2212. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how far the structural reforms initiated in 1991 helped in generating employment, so far;

(b) what has been the growth rate in employment generation both in public sector as well as private sector since 1990-91;

(c) the backlog of unemployed at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) how it compares with that at the end of the Sixth and Seventh Plan; and

(e) details of steps taken by Government to accelerate employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) No specific-study has been conducted by the Government to find out the effects of structural reforms on employment. Estimates of unemployment at the end of Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan are not available. However, according to data available from the labour force surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1983, 1987-88 and 1993-94 (latest available), Annual Rate of Growth of Employment has increased from 1.77% in 1983-1987-88, to 2.23% in 1987-88-1993-94 and the number of unemployed as on 1.7.83, 1.1.88 and 1.1.94 was of the order of 8 million, 12 million and 9 million respectively. Estimate of Average annual growth rate of employment in organised public and private sectors between 31st March 1990 to 31st March 1997 was around 0.7% and 1.6% respectively.

(e) The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sector, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Workers Laid off/Voluntary Retired in PSUs

2213. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees who have been laid off or formally thrown out of employment because of the closure of lack of activities in public sector undertakings since June, 1991;

(b) the number of workers in the public sector who have received the benefit of voluntary retirement schemes during this period; and

(c) whether Government intend to use any part of the proceeds of disinvestment of public enterprises either to compensate or to rehabilitate employees who lose their jobs because of this kind of 'reforms'?